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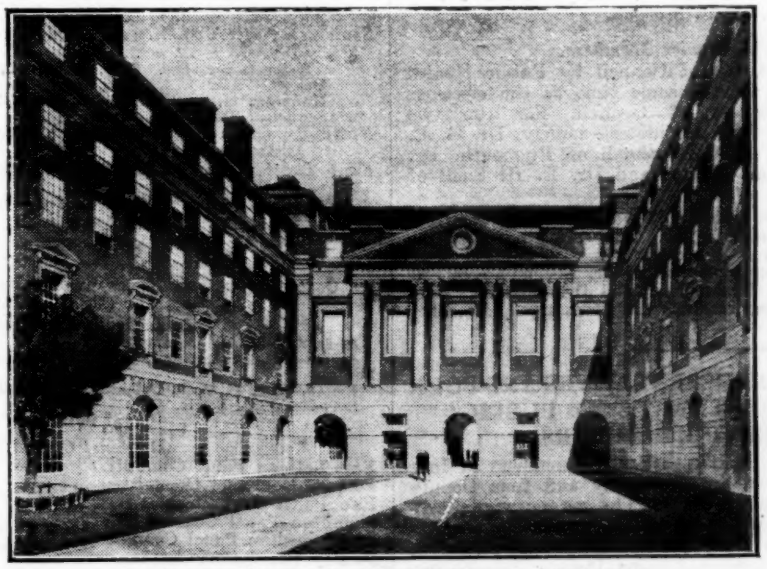
British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Delegation from the Association to the Canadian Medical Association.

ALL members of the British Medical Association will be interested to learn that Sir Jenner Verrall and the Medical Secretary, Dr. Alfred Cox, left for Canada on Saturday, May 24th, by the s.s. *Empress of Scotland*, on their visit to the Canadian Medical Association, at the invitation of the latter body. They are making the journey in the hope of bringing about affiliation between the two Associations, and they will have the good wishes of members of the British Medical Association for the success of their errand. They are already assured of a hearty welcome and characteristic Canadian hospitality, for arrangements have been made at Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg which promise them an exceedingly pleasant if somewhat strenuous time. Dr. F. N. G. Starr of Toronto, who acted as the Honorary Secretary of the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association which was held in that city in 1906, visited the head office in London a few days ago and entered with characteristic energy into the plans of the delegates. He is travelling back in time to be present at the meeting at Ottawa, which takes place from June 16th to 20th.



THE FUTURE HOUSE OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: TAVISTOCK SQUARE, LONDON.

The Members' List: A "Record" Total.

The annual Members' List has been issued this month from the head office of the British Medical Association for the use of Branch and Division secretaries and other officers. The prefatory analysis of the membership of Branches and Divisions at home and abroad brings out very clearly the progress made during the past year, both in the British Isles and throughout the British Empire. Under every heading the figures show substantial increases over the corresponding figures for 1923. In England there was an increase of 872 members; in Scotland, 298; in Wales and Monmouthshire, 49; and in Ireland, 108. In Asia the membership is larger by 66; in Africa by 42; in North and South America by 18. In Australasia there was a gain of 262 members; in the Services, 80; and among members living outside the area of any Branch, 140. "Candidates under election" number 127 more than at the corresponding date last year. These increases in every part of the British Empire brought the total membership of the British Medical Association on April 30th, 1924, up to 26,755, as compared with 24,701 on April 30th, 1923, and 23,156 on April 30th, 1922. These are the figures in the Members' List; but since it was sent to press the membership has continued to grow, for on May 12th, 1924, the total was 26,800, the highest figure ever recorded in the history of the Association.

Dr. W. T. Hayward.

Many old friends of Dr. W. T. Hayward of Adelaide will be sorry to hear that he has had to cut his visit to this country short and return home on account of illness in his family. Dr. Hayward, who is a Vice-President of the Association, received the honorary LL.D. of Aberdeen University at the Annual Meeting in 1914, and is warmly remembered by many who met him then and during his war service in this country. He had intended to remain for the Annual Meeting at Bradford and to renew his acquaintance with his old friends. The good wishes of the members of the Association for which he has worked so long and successfully will accompany Dr. Hayward on his voyage home.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE names of members already declared elected to the Council for the session 1923-24 in respect of the sixteen groups of Home Branches in which there were no contests were published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT of May 10th, 1924 (p. 240).

Metropolitan Counties Branch.

The following is a detailed result of the voting in the Metropolitan Counties Branch, where a contest took place:

The number of voting papers issued to the members of this Branch was 3,345, and 963 were returned. Of these, 21 were spoilt for various reasons, leaving 942 valid votes. The voting being conducted on the single transferable vote system the quota (one more than a fifth) was 189, and the first count resulted as follows:

Dr. H. S. Beadles	183	
Mr. W. McAdam Eccles	135	
Mr. N. Bishop Harman	184	
Dr. Christine Murrell	278	Elected
Dr. G. C. Trotter	162	
	942	

Dr. Christine Murrell's votes exceeding the quota she was declared elected, and it became necessary to distribute her surplus 89 votes, the result being:

Dr. Beadles	+ 10	193	Elected
Mr. Eccles	+ 21	156	
Mr. Harman	+ 40	224	Elected
Dr. Murrell	− 89	189	Elected
Dr. Trotter	+ 18	180	
		942	

Mr. Harman's surplus votes were now distributed according to the next preference shown, and Dr. Trotter was elected, the figures being as follows:

Dr. Beadles	—	193	Elected
Mr. Eccles	+ 16	172	
Mr. Harman	− 35	189	Elected
Dr. Murrell	—	189	Elected
Dr. Trotter	+ 16	196	Elected
Non-transferable votes	+ 3	3	
		942	

Canadian and West Indian Branches.

The names of members already declared elected to the Council for the ensuing sessions in respect of the six groups of Overseas Branches in which there were no contests were published in the SUPPLEMENT of February 23rd, 1924 (p. 112). The result of the voting in the Canadian and West Indian group of Branches where a contest took place is that Dr. F. J. Gomez of South Petherton, Somerset, is elected for the three years 1924-27, by 127 votes to 39 cast for Dr. H. B. Morgan.

Public Health Service Members.

The first election of members of Council by Public Health Service members was held at the same time as the elections for the twenty-four members of Council. For the two seats concerned there were four candidates—namely, Dr. G. F. Buchan of Willesden, Dr. F. G. Bushnell of Plymouth, Dr. T. Eustace Hill of Durham County, and Dr. E. H. Snell of Coventry.

Of the 1,006 voting papers issued, 392 were returned, of which 8 were spoilt, leaving 384 valid papers. The voting being on the single transferable vote system the quota was 129, being 1 more than one-third. The first count resulted in Dr. Buchan's receiving 171 votes, Dr. Hill 137, Dr. Bushnell 43, and Dr. Snell 33. Both Drs. Buchan and Hill having received the necessary quota, they were thereby declared elected.

ELECTION OF FOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND FOUR DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVES BY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE MEMBERS.

The first election by Public Health Service members of four Representatives on the Representative Body and four Deputy Representatives has just taken place. The arrangements provided that the first four candidates should act as Representatives on the Representative Body for the forthcoming session, while the second four candidates became Deputy Representatives, the fifth successful candidate acting as Deputy for the first, should necessity arise, the sixth as Deputy for the second, the seventh as Deputy for the third, and the eighth as Deputy for the fourth.

The candidates nominated were Dr. T. W. N. Barlow, O.B.E., of Wallasey, Dr. F. G. Bushnell of Plymouth, Dr. J. R. Kaye, West Riding of Yorkshire, Professor H. Kerr, O.B.E., Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Dr. G. H. Pearce of Batley.

Of the 1,006 voting papers issued, 394 were returned, of which 8 were spoilt, leaving 386 valid papers. The quota was 78, being 1 more than one-fifth. The first count resulted as follows:

Dr. Barlow	162	Elected
Dr. Bushnell	48	
Dr. Kaye	77	
Professor Kerr	83	Elected
Dr. Pearce	15	
	386	

It then became necessary to distribute Dr. Barlow's surplus of 84 votes, with the following result:

Dr. Barlow	− 84	78	Elected
Dr. Bushnell	+ 15	63	
Dr. Kaye	+ 53	130	Elected
Professor Kerr	—	83	Elceted
Dr. Pearce	+ 16	32	
		386	

After the distribution of Dr. Kaye's surplus votes the final result was as follows:

Dr. Barlow	—	78	Elected
Dr. Bushnell	+ 15	79	Elected
Dr. Kaye	− 52	78	Elected
Professor Kerr	—	83	Elected
Dr. Pearce	+ 28	60	
Non-transferable	+ 8	8	
		386	

Dr. Pearce became Deputy Representative for Dr. Barlow.

G. C. ANDERSON, *Deputy Medical Secretary.*

BRACKENBURY TESTIMONIAL.

SECOND LIST FROM MAY 9TH TO MAY 23RD, 1924.

Amount previously acknowledged, £640 3s. 2d.

A. INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

£5 5s.—Dr. R. A. Boiam.
£3 3s.—Dr. Arthur T. Jones.
£2 2s.—Dr. J. Hedley Marsh.
£1 1s.—Drs. F. W. Andrew, T. Ridley Bailey, Sir James Barr, G. C. Berg, G. F. Buchan, H. G. Dain, C. E. Ambrose Goddard, W. E. Good, W. H. Marshall, H. J. M. Milbank-Smith, Allan H. Morley, James R. Murray, Joseph O'Connor, H. Falconer Oldham, H. Shackleton, E. B. Turner, Sir Norman Walker, Claude Wilson, J. Winder.
10s. 6d.—Dr. C. Randle Harper.
5s.—Drs. O. L. Appleton, C. H. Badcock.

	£	s.	d.
Total individual contributions ...	31	9	6

B. LOCAL PANEL COMMITTEES.

	£	s.	d.
Kingston-upon-Hull Local Medical Committee (per Dr. John Devine) ...	52	10	0
Northumberland County Local Medical and Panel Committees (per Dr. G. Drury) ...	50	0	0
Worcester Panel Committee (per Dr. R. T. Slinger) ...	7	7	0
York Local Medical and Panel Committees (per Dr. J. C. Lyth) ...	25	0	0
Greenock Panel Committee (per Dr. E. Mackay) ...	25	12	4
Warrington Medical and Panel Committee (per Dr. J. S. Manson) ...	25	0	0
Herefordshire Medical and Panel Committee (per Dr. John Steed) ...	6	16	6
Subscribers: Drs. William Ainslie, John S. Clarke, W. B. Darroll, Francis A. Godson, F. C. H. Home, H. B. Pope, John Steed, E. G. Hamilton Williams.			
Somerset Panel Committee (*Third List*—per Dr. E. D. Pineo) ...	13	19	0
Subscribers: Drs. Bird, Bramwell, Corfield, Court, Driver, Finn, Hill, Ingle, Last, MacLeod, MacVicker, Manning, Mitchell, Moorhead, Newsome, Petty, Pollard, Sequeira, Statham, George.			
Nottinghamshire Panel Committee (per Dr. George S. O'Rorke) ...	150	0	0
Kent Local Medical and Panel Committees (per Dr. C. R. Salisbury) ...	50	0	0
Southampton Panel Committee (per Dr. Owen D. B. Mawson) ...	10	10	0
	£1,088	7	6

COLLECTED BY THE HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER FOR SCOTLAND (DR. C. E. DOUGLAS).

A. *Individual Contributions.*

£1 2s. 6d.—Dr. A. J. Campbell.
£1 1s.—Drs. G. A. Allan, C. E. Douglas, J. McGregor-Robertson, J H. Paton.
10s. 6d.—Drs. D. M. R. Crichton, R. Balfour Graham.
10s.—Dr. J. C. Bowie.

	£	s.	d.
Total individual contributions ...	6	17	6

B. *Panel Committees.*

	£	s.	d.
East Lothian Panel Committee ...	19	0	0
Forfarshire Panel Committee ...	15	15	0
Fife Panel Committee ...	67	17	3
Hamilton Panel Committee ...	15	0	0
Aberdeenshire Panel Committee ...	20	13	6
Paisley Panel Committee ...	11	2	6
Dundee Panel Committee ...	20	0	0
Lanarkshire Panel Committee ...	100	0	0
Selkirkshire Panel Committee ...	11	6	0
Kirkcaldy Panel Committee ...	7	7	0
Clydebank Panel Committee ...	20	18	7
Moray and Nairn Panel Committee ...	11	5	0
Dumfriesshire Panel Committee ...	15	16	6
Coatbridge Panel Committee ...	15	15	6
Perth City ...	14	0	0
Perthshire Panel Committee ...	30	0	0
	402	14	4
Brought forward (English and other contributions) ...	1,088	7	6
Total to May 23rd (morning) ...	1,491	1	10

Amounts Promised.

Sheffield Local Medical and Panel Committee (per J. G. Mylan), £100.

Staffordshire Panel Committee (per G. L. Lefevre), £210.

British Medical Association.

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, BRADFORD, JULY 22nd to 25th, 1924.

Patron: HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

President: CHARLES PLUMLEY CHILDE, B.A., F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon, Royal Portsmouth Hospital.

President-Elect: J. BASIL HALL, M.Ch.Cantab., Consulting Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Bradford.

Chairman of Representative Body: R. WALLACE HENRY, B.A., M.D.

Chairman of Council: ROBERT ALFRED BOLAM, M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P.

Treasurer: GEORGE ERNEST HASLIP, M.D.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME.

THE incoming President will deliver his address to the Association on Tuesday, July 22nd.

The ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING will begin on Friday, July 18th, at 10 a.m., and be continued on the three following week-days.

The statutory ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on July 22nd, at 2 p.m., and the adjourned general meeting at 7.45 p.m.

The Annual Dinner of the Association will take place on Thursday, July 24th.

The Conference of Secretaries will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23rd, and the Secretaries' Dinner at 6.30 the same evening.

The official Religious Service will be held in Bradford Cathedral on July 22nd, at 4.30 p.m., when the Archbishop of York will preach.

The Annual Exhibition of surgical appliances, foods, drugs, and books will be opened by the President-Elect on July 22nd, at 9.30 a.m., and will remain open on July 23rd, 24th, and 25th (see page 265).

A Popular Lecture, entitled "The Sun Cure," will be delivered by Sir Henry J. Gauvain, M.D., on Friday, July 25th.

Saturday, July 26th, the last day of the meeting, will be given up to excursions to places of interest in the neighbourhood.

Bradford Technical College.

THE SECTIONS.

The Scientific Sections will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for papers and discussions, and laboratory and clinical demonstrations will be arranged for the afternoons of July 23rd, 24th, and 25th. The Sectional meetings will be held in the Technical College.

The following Sections will meet on Three Days—Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 23, 24, and 25.

MEDICINE.

President: ARTHUR J. HALL, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: F. W. EURICH, M.D.; W. E. HUME, C.M.G., M.D., F.R.C.P.; W. LANGDON BROWN, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Honorary Secretaries: E. P. POULTON, M.D., F.R.C.P., 36, Devonshire Place, London, W.1; WM. WRANGHAM, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P., 33, Manor Row, Bradford.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 23rd.—Discussion: Cardiac Irregularities, especially in reference to Prognosis and Treatment. To be opened by Dr. T. WARDROP GRIFFITH, followed by Professor JOHN HAY and Dr. F. W. PRICE.

Thursday, July 24th.—Discussion: Jaundice. To be opened by Dr. J. W. MCNEE, D.S.O., followed by Dr. VAN DEN BERGH (Holland) and Sir WILLIAM H. WILLCOX.

Friday, July 25th.—Discussion: Small-pox, with special reference to Diagnosis. To be opened by Dr. W. McC. WANKLYN, followed by Dr. C. K. MILLARD.

SURGERY.

President: Sir CUTHBERT WALLACE, K.C.M.G., C.B., F.R.C.S.

Vice-Presidents: HAROLD BURROWS, C.B.E., F.R.C.S.; GEORGE E. GASK, C.M.G., D.S.O., F.R.C.S.; T. JASON WOOD, M.D.

Honorary Secretaries: CECIL A. JOLL, M.S., F.R.C.S., 23, New Cavendish Street, London, W.1; COLIN MACKENZIE, O.B.E., F.R.C.S., 11, Mornington Villas, Manningham, Bradford.

The following preliminary programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 23rd.—Discussion: Acute Osteomyelitis. To be opened by Mr. JOHN FRASER, followed by Mr. B. C. MAYBURY, Mr. K. J. ACTON DAVIS, and Mr. HARRY PLATT.

Thursday, July 24th.—Discussion: Pulmonary Embolism. To be opened by Mr. J. P. LOCKHART-MUMMERY, followed by Sir CHARLES GORDON-WATSON and Mr. J. SHAW DUNN.

Friday, July 25th.—Papers: Mr. T. P. DUNHILL, C.M.G., Auricular Fibrillation in Graves's Disease; Mr. GEOFFREY L. KEYNES, Blood Transfusion in Civilian Practice; Mr. H. P. WINSBURY WHITE, Hydronephrosis, with Demonstration; Mr. F. W. GOYDER, Cleft Palate.

OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

President: JOHN S. FAIRBAIRN, M.B., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.

Vice-Presidents: Miss LOUISA B. ALDRICH-BLAKE, M.D., M.S.; R. W. JOHNSTONE, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin.; JAMES PHILLIPS, F.R.C.S. Edin.

Honorary Secretaries: Miss EDITH M. HALL, M.B., Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1; PETER MCEWAN, F.R.C.S.Edin., 7, Blenheim Mount, Manningham, Bradford.

The following preliminary programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 23rd—10 a.m.—Discussion: Methods of the Ante-natal Clinic and their Application to Private Practice. To be opened by Dr. J. ABERNETHY WILLETT, followed by Dr. ENEAS K. MACKENZIE, Major EDWARD MOSS, R.A.M.C., and Lady BARRETT. (*Note.*—Others who wish to speak, especially those who have had experience of this work in private practice, are invited to send their names to the Local Secretary.)

Thursday, July 24th—10 a.m.—Papers: Professor B. P. WATSON, Imperfect Urinary Control following Childbirth, and its Surgical Treatment; Mr. JAMES PHILLIPS, Investigation, Pathology, and Treatment of Uterine Haemorrhage about the Time of the Climacteric; Mr. MILES H. PHILLIPS, The Advisability of Pelvic Examination during the Puerperium; Dr. W. W. KING, Clinical Aspects of Adenomyomata of the Pelvis.

Friday, July 25th—10 a.m.—Discussion: Dysmenorrhœa in Young Women: its Incidence, Prevention, and Treatment. To be opened by Dr. ALICE E. S. CLOW, followed by Dr. LEONARD G. PHILLIPS, Dr. CATHERINE CHISHOLM, Dr. RHODA ADAMSON, and Dr. MINNIE L. C. MADGSHON. Others who wish to speak are invited to write to the Local Secretary.

PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY.

President: C. H. BROWNING, M.D.

Vice-Presidents: A. G. GIBSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.; T. J. MACKIE, M.D., D.P.H.; J. A. D. RADCLIFFE, M.B., B.Ch.

Honorary Secretaries: CUTHBERT E. DUKES, O.B.E., M.D., 18, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1; CHARLES JAMES YOUNG, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., D.T.M., D.P.H., Royal Infirmary, Bradford.

The following preliminary programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 23rd.—Discussion: Tissue Culture, its bearing on Pathological Investigation. To be opened by Dr. ALEXIS CARREL (New York), followed by Mr. H. M. CARLETON.

Thursday, July 24th.—Discussion: Immunity, with special reference to Specificity and the Influence of Non-specific Factors. To be opened by Dr. R. A. O'BRIEN (Wellcome Research Laboratory), followed by Dr. P. HARTLEY, Professor T. J. MACKIE, Dr. D. CAMPBELL, Dr. E. M. DUNLOP, Professor W. J. TULLOCH, and Professor C. H. BROWNING.

Friday, July 25th.—Papers: Mr. A. MALINS SMITH, The Incidence and Spread of Protozoal Infections of the Intestine in the Population of Great Britain; Dr. C. E. DUKES, Improved Methods of obtaining Cultures from the Colon (with demonstration); Professor MATTHEW J. STEWART, Xanthoma and Xanthosis; Dr. J. CRUICKSHANK and Dr. D. W. BERRY, A Study of *B. acidophilus* in Human Faeces; Dr. ARCHIBALD LEITCH, Mule Spinners' Cancer and Mineral Oils.

NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

President: T. GRAINGER STEWART, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: DONALD E. CORE, M.D., M.R.C.P.; ANTHONY FEILING, M.D., F.R.C.P.; BEDFORD PIERCE, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Honorary Secretaries: J. R. GILMOUR, M.B., F.R.C.P.Edin., Scalebor Park, Burley-in-Wharfedale; C. C. WORSTER-DROUGHT, M.D., M.R.C.P., 19, Cavendish Square, London, W.1.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 23rd.—Discussion: Certification in Mental Disorders from the Medical and Social Aspects. To be opened by Dr. H. YELLOWLEES, followed by Dr. J. PORTER PHILLIPS and Dr. G. W. B. JAMES.

Thursday, July 24th.—Discussion: The Nature and Treatment of Epilepsy. To be opened by Dr. J. S. COLLIER, followed by Dr. ALDREN TURNER, Dr. TYLOR FOX, Dr. A. MCDOUGALL, Dr. STANFORD READ, and Dr. D. N. HARDCASTLE.

Friday, July 25th.—Discussion: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Compression Paraplegia. To be opened by Dr. ANTHONY FEILING, followed by Dr. HILDRED CARLILL, Dr. BURROW, Mr. DONALD ARMOUR, and Mr. GEOFFREY JEFFERSON.

The following Sections will meet each on Two Days.

OPHTHALMOLOGY.

President: A. MAITLAND RAMSAY, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.

Vice-Presidents: R. J. COULTER, M.B., F.R.C.S.I.; A. L. WHITEHEAD, M.B., B.S.

Honorary Secretaries: J. D. MCCULLOCH, M.B., Ch.B., 2, Walmer Villas, Manningham Lane, Bradford; HUMPHREY NEAME, F.R.C.S., 20, Devonshire Place, London, W.1.

The following preliminary programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 23rd.—Discussion: The Microscopy of the Living Eye. To be opened by Dr. BASIL GRAVES (Physiological Aspect), Dr. T. HARRISON BUTLER (Pathological Aspect), followed by Messrs. HUMPHREY NEAME and O. G. MORGAN.

2.30 p.m.—Demonstration at Technical College.

Thursday, July 24th.—Discussion: The Intracapsular Method of Cataract Extraction. To be opened by Professor IGNACIO BARRAQUER (Barcelona), followed by Mr. A. H. H. SINCLAIR and Lieut.-Colonel HENRY SMITH, I.M.S.

2.30 p.m.—Demonstration at Royal Eye and Ear Hospital.

PUBLIC MEDICINE AND INDUSTRIAL DISEASES.

President: HERBERT JONES, L.R.C.S.I., D.P.H.

Vice-Presidents: JAMES R. KAYE, M.B., D.P.H.; G. H. PEARCE, M.D., D.P.H.

Honorary Secretaries: G. W. N. JOSEPH, M.D., D.P.H., Health Department, Sankey Street, Warrington; HAROLD VALLOW, M.D., D.P.H., 50, Little Horton Lane, Bradford.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 23rd.—Discussion: The Role of the General Practitioner in Preventive Medicine. To be opened by Dr. PETER MACDONALD, followed by Dr. HAROLD KERR, Dr. T. W. N. BARLOW, Dr. H. B. BRACKENBURY, Dr. R. VEITCH CLARK, Dr. C. E. S. FLEMMING, Lieut.-Colonel F. E. FREMANTLE, M.P., and Dr. W. BERTRAM HILL.

Thursday, July 24th.—Discussion: Diet and the Public Health. To be opened by Dr. J. BOYD ORR (Rowett Research Institute)—Recent Advances in our Knowledge of Nutrition. To be followed by Professor E. MELLANBY, Dr. ROBERT HUTCHISON (Influence of Diet in First Few Years of Life on the Constitution of the Adult), Dr. J. S. MANSON (Common Errors of Diet in an Urban Population), and Dr. W. G. SAVAGE (Diet Control as an Instrument of Public Health Progress).

Discussion: Industrial Welfare. To be opened by Dr. W. F. DEARDEN, followed by Dr. JAMES R. KERR, Dr. DAVID MCKAIL, and Dr. G. T. WILLAN.

Demonstrations of the various municipal public health activities will be given by arrangement.

DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

President: LEONARD FINDLAY, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.

Vice-Presidents: CLIVE RIVIERE, M.D., F.R.C.P.; C. W. VINING, M.D., M.R.C.P.

Honorary Secretaries: DONALD H. PATERSON, M.B., M.R.C.P., 14, Devonshire Street, London, W.1; A. H. SMITH, M.B., B.Ch., 2, Blenheim Road, Manningham, Bradford.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 23rd.—Discussion: Prevention of Mental Deficiency. To be opened by Dr. A. F. TREDGOLD, followed by Drs. ERIC PRITCHARD, ROBERT HUTCHISON, F. DOUGLAS TURNER, W. A. POTTS, R. LANGDON-DOWN, and R. M. MARSHALL.

Thursday, July 24th.—Discussion: Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Infancy and Childhood. To be opened by Dr. CLIVE RIVIERE from the Clinical Aspect, and Dr. D. CAMPBELL SUTTIE from the Radiological. The subsequent speakers will include Drs. C. P. LAPAGE, C. W. VINING, CHAS. MCNEIL, R. A. YOUNG, F. G. CHANDLER, and WM. M. CROFTON.

LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY.

President: W. JOBSON HORNE, M.D.

Vice-Presidents: W. APPLEYARD, F.R.C.S.; C. A. SCOTT RIDOUT, M.S., F.R.C.S.; W. S. SYME, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.Glasg.

Honorary Secretaries: T. H. JUST, F.R.C.S., 16, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.1; DONALD WATSON, F.R.C.S., 103, Manningham Lane, Bradford.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 23rd.—Discussion: Chronic Tonsillitis—Indications for and Result of Treatment. To be opened by Dr. A. BROWN KELLY, followed by Mr. C. A. SCOTT RIDOUT.

In the afternoon there will be a demonstration in the Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, Hallfield Road.

Thursday, July 24th—Morning.—Papers: Dr. NEIL MACLAY, Nasal Neuroses; Mr. J. F. O'MALLEY, Importance of Early Treatment of Acute Otitis; Dr. W. H. KELSON, Some Osseous Growths of the Nasal and Adjacent Bones.

DERMATOLOGY.

President: J. M. H. MACLEOD, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: HENRY MACCORMAC, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.; R. A. VEALE, M.D., M.R.C.P.; W. M. C. WATSON, M.D.

Honorary Secretaries: J. B. DUNLOP, M.B., B.Ch., 15, Spring Bank, Bradford; HENRY C. SEMON, M.D., M.R.C.P., 58, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 23rd.—Discussion: The Cancerous and Precancerous Conditions of the Skin. To be opened by Dr. HENRY MACCORMAC, followed by Dr. L. SAVATARD.

Occasional Papers.

In the afternoon there will be a demonstration of cases.

Thursday, July 24th.—Discussion: Radio-therapeutics in Dermatology. To be opened by Dr. J. H. SEQUEIRA, followed by Dr. S. E. DORE.

Occasional Papers.

The following Sections will meet each on One Day.

ORTHOPAEDICS.

President: R. C. ELMSLIE, O.B.E., M.S., F.R.C.S.

Vice-Presidents: E. LAMING EVANS, C.B.E., F.R.C.S.; F. W. GOYDER, F.R.C.S.

Honorary Secretaries: P. MAYNARD HEATH, M.S., F.R.C.S., 12, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.1; H. A. RIPPINER, F.R.C.S.Edin., 82, Toller Lane, Bradford.

The following preliminary programme has been arranged:

Friday, July 25th—Morning.—Discussion: The Treatment of Hallux Valgus and Rigidus. To be opened by Sir ROBERT JONES, followed by Mr. D. MACRAE AITKEN, Mr. NAUGHTON DUNN, and Mr. EVAN LAMING EVANS. Papers: Mr. JOHN FRASER, Tuberculous Disease of Bones (illustrated by pathological and microscopical specimens); Mr. HERBERT G. FRANKLING, The Operative Treatment of Arthritis Deformans of Large Joints; Mr. S. T. IRWIN, Some Problems in the Treatment of Acute Arthritis of the Hip (illustrated by lantern slides); Mr. HARRY PLATT, Lesions of the Ulnar Nerve in the Regions of the Elbow. *Afternoon.*—Demonstrations of Orthopaedic Cases by Mr. F. W. GOYDER, Mr. S. W. DAW, and others.

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.

President: ARTHUR MANKNELL, M.B., B.S.

Vice-Presidents: C. J. BOND, C.M.G., F.R.C.S.; Sir WILLIAM S. GLYN-JONES; Alderman FRANCIS ASKEW, J.P.; Councillor H. THORNTON PULLAN, J.P.

Honorary Secretaries: J. T. KITCHIN, M.D., City Hospital, Leeds Road, Bradford; WM. PATERSON, M.B., 12, Craven Park Road, Harlesden, N.W.10.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Friday, July 25th.—Discussion: Has the National Health Insurance Act Justified its Existence? After the CHAIRMAN's opening remarks the discussion will be arranged under the following heads: (1) *Administration*—(*a*) Insurance Committees, Sir W. GLYN-JONES; (*b*) Approved Societies, Alderman F. ASKEW (Hull); (2) *The Insured Person*—(*a*) Mr. TOM HARLAND (Bradford), (*b*) Miss FLORENCE GODFREY (Birstall); (3) *The Medical Profession*—(*a*) Consultants, Dr. A. E. BARNES, (*b*) General Practitioners, Dr. G. B. HILLMAN; (4) *Voluntary Hospitals*—(*a*) Medical, Mr. H. S. SOUTTAR, (*b*) Administration, Mr. J. J. BARRON (Bradford); (5) *Preventive Medicine*—Dr. J. J. BUCHAN.

The Honorary Local General Secretary of the Bradford Annual Meeting is Dr. W. N. WEST WATSON, Victor Lodge, Manningham, Bradford.

HOTEL AND HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION.

FOR members attending the Bradford Annual Meeting at the close of July a considerable amount of hotel and boarding-house accommodation will be available in the neighbouring towns of Harrogate, Ilkley, and Leeds, as indicated in the lists printed below. Additional accommodation will be available in hostels at Bingley (four miles out of Bradford) and Leeds (nine miles); particulars of these hostels appear below. Adequate arrangements for getting to and from Bingley by motor car will be made, and the train service between Bradford and Leeds is good. There is also an excellent early morning express train service into Bradford from both Ilkley and Harrogate.

All hotel accommodation should be applied for immediately, as after June 1st the number of rooms reserved by the respective hotels is no longer guaranteed. The Honorary Secretary of the Hotels and Lodgings Subcommittee is Dr. R. A Lankester, Green Trees, Smith Lane, Bradford.

HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

Harrogate.

Hotel.	No. of Persons.	Single Bedrooms.		Double Bedrooms.		Lunch.	Dinner.
		No.	Price.	No.	Price.		
Southlands ...	15	5	7/6	5	7/6	3/-	5/-
Clarendon... ...	22	6	8/6	8	17/-*	3/6	5/-
Kensington ...	10	2	8/6	4	8/-	2/6	3/6
Metropole	10	—	—	5	7/6	2/6	4/-
Beechwood ...	40	—	8/6	—	7/6	3/-	5/-
Wellington ...	10	—	11/-	—	22/-*	3/6	6/6
George	30	10	12/-	10	22/-*	4/-	6/-
N.E. Station ...	15	5	10/6	5	10/-	2/6	4/6
Stray	10	—	12/6	—	12/-	4/-	6/6
Russell	16	4	10/6	6	18/-*	3/-	4/6
Hydro	20	8	12/-	6	12/-	4/-	6/-
Queen	30	10	12/-	10	24/-*	4/6	7/6
Alexandra ...	20	—	12/6	—	25/-*	3/-	5/6
Prospect	80	40	12/-	20	24/-*	4/-	6/6
Prince of Wales ...	32	12	12/-	10	24/-*	4/6	6/6
Granby	30	—	11/6	—	11/-	3/6	6/6
Majestic	50	—	20/-	—	40/-*	5/-	8/6
Crown	25	—	12/6	—	12/6	4/-	6/-
Grand	25	15	12/6	—	25/-*	4/6	8/6
Lancaster... ...	8	—	8/6	—	8/-	3/6	4/6
Octagon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cairn Hydro ...	50	20	12/-	15	12/-	3/6	6/-

Note.—An asterisk (see under heading "Double Bedrooms") indicates that the charge is for two persons: in all other instances it is per person. The prices include breakfast.

Ilkley.

	Bed, Breakfast, Dinner.
Craiglands (boarding house). 70 persons ...	10/6 each person.
Middleton Hotel. 15 persons	14/- each person.
Troutbeck (boarding house). 40 rooms (15 single, 25 double)	13/- and 15/-.
Wells House Hydro. 50 rooms	15/6.
Hill Side (boarding house). 12 persons ...	12/6 to 15/-.
Ben Rhydding Hydro. 50 rooms...	12/6.

Leeds.

Hotels.	Tariff.
Queen's (Midland).* 15 single, 5 double rooms	Single, 8/6; double, 17/6; breakfast, 4/-.
London and North-Eastern. 4 single, 6 double rooms	Ditto.
Hotel Metropole. 30 rooms	Bed and breakfast, 10/-.
Victory Hotel. 12 single, 8 double rooms ...	Bed and breakfast, 10/6.
Griffin Hotel. 12 rooms	Bed and breakfast, 9/-.
Cromer Hall. 2 single, 1 double rooms ...	12/6 per day.

* Available also from preceding Friday.

HOSTELS.

Bingley.

The hostel at Bingley places at the disposal of the Hotels and Lodgings Subcommittee 80 beds, and will provide breakfast and dinner daily, with full board on Sunday, from the evening of July 17th to the morning of July 26th. The charge will be £5 a head; 12s. a day or part of a day to be paid by those who do not stay for the full period.

Leeds.

The Subcommittee has accepted also the offer of accommodation at one of the Leeds University hostels (Lyddon Hall, Virginia Road, Leeds), twelve minutes' walk from the Station. The charge will be 7s. 6d. a night (bed and breakfast). Full board at week-end if desired at 15s. a day. Accommodation for 34.

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS.

To members intending to be present at the Bradford Annual Meeting the railway companies have agreed to issue return tickets at the cost of a single fare and a third. The concession applies to all railway companies in Great Britain (but not in Ireland), and the tickets will be available from July 16th to July 28th. They will be issued only upon production of a special voucher signed by the Financial Secretary of the British Medical Association (429, Strand, London, W.C.2), to whom application should be made in due course.

For the convenience of members residing within a radius of fifty miles of Bradford, the railway companies have undertaken to issue from Bradford on presentation at the booking office of the Official Member's Card:

1. Return tickets available for the day of issue or following day, or from Sunday to Monday, at a single fare and a third—minimum 1s. per passenger—fractions of 3d. reckoned as 3d.
2. Season tickets for not less than six days, allowing for more than one journey per day (Sunday being a *dies non*), at a charge not less than the accumulated fares per day (vide Clause 1), minimum 1s. per day, fractions of 3d. reckoned as 3d. on each day fare.

The Official Member's Card will be obtainable in the Reception Room at the Windsor Halls, Morley Street.

Members should use the railway ticket they obtain in exchange for the voucher for the first journey to and the last journey from Bradford. For all intermediate journeys the reduced tickets can be obtained by exhibiting the Member's Card to the booking clerk at Bradford.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

In connexion with the Annual Meeting at Bradford, the Exhibition of Surgical Instruments, Appliances, *X*-ray Apparatus, Drugs, Books, Foods, etc., will be held in the Windsor Halls, Morley Street, from Tuesday, July 22nd, to Friday, July 25th, inclusive. This important feature of the Annual Meetings promises to be of exceptional interest this year, as many manufacturers are already engaged in perfecting new inventions, etc., which will be shown to the medical profession for the first time in Bradford. The Association has been fortunate in securing the Windsor Halls for the purpose of the Exhibition, as these halls also provide accommodation for the reception room, luncheon and tea rooms, reading and writing rooms, etc. The stands and the general scheme of decoration will again be uniform, as in the past two years, and every consideration is being given to the question of making provision for gangways sufficiently wide to enable members to inspect exhibits at their leisure and in comfort. It is hoped that all members attending the Bradford meeting will make a special effort to visit the Exhibition and thus keep in touch with the latest appliances, etc., collected into one hall.

Association Notices.

NOTICES OF MOTION BY DIVISIONS FOR THE ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, BRADFORD, 1924.

First Aid Equipment in Factories and Fees for Ambulance Lectures.

BY MANCHESTER: That (with reference to para. 116 of the Annual Report of Council) under the Workmen's Compensation Act of 1923 arrangements should be made for redrafting the ambulance requirements, and for continuous medical supervision of the equipment and working.

Bill for the Amendment of the Factory Acts.

By MANCHESTER: That (with reference to para. 117 of the Annual Report of Council) as far as possible this class of work should be carried out by general practitioners; failing this, the positions should be listed as unsatisfactory appointments.

Examination of Applicants for Entrance into Friendly Societies.

By MANCHESTER: That (with reference to para. 148 of the Annual Report of Council) a minimum fee should be fixed centrally or locally.

Whole-time Public Health M.Os. and Consulting Fees.

By MANCHESTER: That (with reference to para. 162 of the Annual Report of Council) whole-time public health officers should not ask for fees for consultations, but may accept them when freely offered through a general practitioner.

Medical Benevolence.

By MANCHESTER: That a committee be appointed to examine and report on Medical Benevolent Funds.

Medical Defence.

By MANCHESTER: That the Council be instructed to formulate a scheme for the medical defence of its members, either by itself or in co-operation with existing bodies.

Supplementary Death Certificates.

By SOUTHPORT: That (with reference to para. 120 of the Annual Report of Council) it is desirable to give supplementary death certificates only at the request of the patient's representatives, or after the consent of these have been obtained.

SCOTTISH COMMITTEE.

ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES, 1924–25.

FOURTEEN members of the Scottish Committee of the British Medical Association are to be elected by the Scottish Divisions, grouped as follows:

	No. of Representatives.
Group I.—The Divisions in the Aberdeen and Northern Counties Branches	2
Group II.—The Divisions in the Dundee, Fife, Perth, and Stirling Branches	2
Group III.—The Divisions in the Edinburgh Branch and the Dumfries and Galloway Division	3
Group IV.—The Glasgow City Divisions	4
Group V.—The remaining Divisions in the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch	3

Nominations may be made (*a*) by a Division, or (*b*) by three members in a group. The election, in cases of contest, will be by postal vote of the members in each group.

Forms for nomination may be obtained from the Scottish Medical Secretary, 6, Rutland Square, Edinburgh, and must be returned to him not later than June 16th.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: WEST BROMWICH DIVISION.—The third regular meeting of the West Bromwich Division for 1924 will be held at the offices of the Smethwick Insurance Committee, 1, South Road, Smethwick, on Wednesday, June 4th, at 2.45 p.m. Dr. H. G. Dain of Birmingham will open a discussion on Contract Practice.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held in Powolny's Rooms, King Edward Street, Hull, on Friday, June 27th, at 1 p.m. The retiring President, Dr. Turton, will take the chair. Agenda: Annual Report of Council; financial statement; election of officers; the President-elect, Mr. Upcott, will read his inaugural address on Fractures. After the meeting luncheon will be served.

KENT BRANCH: ISLE OF THANET DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Isle of Thanet Division will be held to-day (Friday, May 30th), at 4 p.m., at the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate. Dr. Brunton will be in the chair. Dr. Archibald Leitch, Director of the Cancer Hospital Research Institute, London, will give an address on Gall Stones and Cancer of the Gall Bladder: An Experimental Study.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: BURY DIVISION.—A general meeting of the Bury Division will be held in the Derby Hotel, at 8.30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 4th.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the Kensington Division will be held at 21, Westbourne Terrace, W.2, by invitation of Mr. E. B. Turner, on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 5 p.m., for the consideration of the Annual Report of the Council, and the election of officers and Executive Committee.

MIDLAND BRANCH: CHESTERFIELD DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the Chesterfield Division will be held at the Station Hotel, Chesterfield, to-day (Friday, May 30th), at 2.30 p.m. Agenda: Annual report and balance sheet; election of officers; Report of Council, instructions to Representative.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: CONSETT AND HEXHAM DIVISIONS.—A joint meeting of the Consett and Hexham Divisions will be held in the Abbey Hotel, Hexham, on Wednesday, June 4th, at 7.30 p.m., to elect a Representative for the Annual Representative Meeting at Bradford, 1924.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: SUNDERLAND DIVISION.—A meeting of the Sunderland Division will be held at 48, John Street, Sunderland, to-day (Friday, May 30th), at 8.15 p.m. Agenda: Recommendations of Executive Committee in regard to revision of Organization Rules; report of Executive Committee; Annual Report of Council; Provisional Agenda of Annual Representative Meeting.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Portsmouth Division will be held on Thursday, June 5th, in the Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, Portsmouth, at 4 p.m. Dr. J. D. Barris, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, will give a lecture on Some Difficulties in Midwifery Practice.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.—A general meeting of the Croydon Division will be held at the Croydon General Hospital to-day (Friday, May 30th), at 8.30 p.m., when Dr. F. G. Swayne will preside. Agenda: Discuss Report of Council and instruct Representative.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Guildford Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, June 5th, at 4 p.m. Tea will be served at 3.45. Agenda: Elect officers and representatives; Report of Executive Committee and accounts; Annual Report of Council; instruct Representative.

GENERAL COUNCIL
OF
MEDICAL EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION.

SUMMER SESSION, 1924.

THE one hundred and nineteenth session of the General Medical Council was opened at the offices of the Council, 44, Hallam Street, London, W., on Tuesday, May 27th.

Sir DONALD MACALISTER, K.C.B., presided.

Apologies for absence were read from Dr. Hepburn and from Sir Jenner Verrall, the latter on account of his visit on behalf of the British Medical Association to the annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Sir DONALD MACALISTER then delivered the following address: Gentlemen,—It is pleasant to find that our membership has remained unbroken since the last May session. But three former members, whom once we welcomed as colleagues, have passed away during the recess: Sir Lambert Ormsby, the eminent Dublin surgeon, who retired after a year of office in 1915, died last December; Dr. Johnson Symington, one of our great anatomists, who represented the Queen's University of Belfast from 1916 to 1919, died at Edinburgh in well-earned retirement in February; and Dr. Henry Arthur Latimer, a direct representative of the practitioners of England and Wales for thirteen years (1907 to 1919), who was highly esteemed both in civic and in professional life, died at Tunbridge Wells in January. Knowing that I should therefore be fulfilling your wishes, I have conveyed to the relatives of our past members an expression of the Council's sympathy and regret for their loss.

The Irish Free State.

Recent legislation following on the establishment of the Irish Free State may have important effects upon the membership and responsibilities of the Council. These effects have not always been clearly foreseen by the authorities concerned, and the precise bearing of the new enactments on the provisions of the Medical and Dentists Acts is even now not easily ascertainable. We are endeavouring to obtain authoritative legal advice on the subject, and this advice I propose, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to lay before the Council *in camera* for its careful consideration. Meanwhile it may suffice to say that, "unless the Government of the Irish Free State should formally communicate to His Majesty's Government their desire for the continuance" of the existing system, references direct or indirect to "Ireland" in the Medical and Dentists Acts must henceforth be read as references to "Northern Ireland" only. In other words, the direct relations and responsibilities of "The General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom" will in future be restricted to Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The universities and medical corporations and the medical practitioners of Southern Ireland will no longer be entitled to representation on the Council. The medical qualifications granted by licensing bodies in the Irish Free State will no longer entitle the holders to be registered in the British *Register*; and so far as I am aware no provision has been made for the establishment of an Irish Council or an Irish *Register*. Some of these results cannot but be disadvantageous not only to the public health, but also to medical education and to the medical profession, in Southern Ireland. A temporary continuance of existing conditions, pending the enactment of local legislation, would seem to afford at least an interim solution of the difficulty, and would offer no obstacle to the introduction by the Free State Government of a permanent measure for the regulation of medicine in Southern Ireland. We are, however, advised that, whatever changes the operation of the recent enactments may bring about, we have grounds for thinking that the present members from Ireland may sit on the Council till the expiry of the terms for which they have respectively been appointed. We shall therefore have the advantage of their co-operation in considering the matters that will come before the Council at this session, including the question of our new relations to medical education and registration in the Irish Free State.

Canada.

The Executive Committee has succeeded in procuring the adhesion of six of the provinces of the Dominion of Canada to resolutions defining more precisely and uniformly than before our position in relation to the registration of provincial and Dominion qualifications. We have thereby brought nearer the establishment of complete reciprocity with the Dominion itself. A final reply from the Province of Quebec is still awaited.

India.

The Executive Committee has received from Colonel Needham, the Official Inspector of Indian Universities and Colleges of Medicine, a series of reports on the conditions under which registrable medical degrees are being conferred in India. In regard to a number of important points the reports show that improvements have been effected by the Indian authorities in their methods and standards of teaching and examination. But in some cases a good deal remains to be done before the Council would be justified in according unconditional recognition to the qualifications in question. We are glad to learn that, in their endeavours to this end, certain of the authorities have sought and welcomed the advice of the Official Inspector. The Council will have reason to be gratified if the Government of India recognize the benefit to Indian professional education which would result from the continuance of Colonel Needham's appointment for some time to come. The work for which his special gifts and experience so eminently qualify him is by no means complete. Its interruption at the present stage would have serious effects, which the Council, in the interest of India itself, would have reason to deprecate.

Italy.

The Executive Committee is happy to report that, thanks to the efforts of His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome, the Foreign Office, and the Lord President of the Privy Council, the representations made by the Committee on the effect of recent Italian legislation upon medical reciprocity are likely to have a satisfactory issue. This legislation appeared to involve hardship to individual British practitioners, and to raise at once the question of revoking the privileges enjoyed by Italian practitioners in this country. The conclusion of a "special agreement" with the Italian Government, whereby these untoward results will be avoided, is likely to take place at an early date.

International Pharmacopoeial Conference.

The Lord President has notified the Council that communications have been received from the Belgian Government proposing that a Second International Pharmacopoeial Conference should be held in Brussels in 1925. The purpose of the Conference would be to consider questions already dealt with at the First International Conference of 1902, and in particular a proposal to establish a permanent International Bureau for general business relating to the unification of national *Pharmacopoeias* and kindred subjects. As Chairman of the Pharmacopoeia Committee, I replied that I was satisfied that the Council would not desire that this country should be unrepresented at the Second Conference. But the serious nature of the questions, both of practice and of finance, proposed for discussion at the Conference rendered it undesirable that the Government should bind itself beforehand to accept the conclusions that might be reached. The communications will be further considered and reported on in due course by the Pharmacopoeia Committee.

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

By the terms of the Charter granted to the London School of Hygiene, founded with the aid of the Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation and of the Government, six members of the Court of Governors fall to be appointed by the General Medical Council. The Executive Committee, who had to consider the matter last February, was of opinion that it was inexpedient that the Council, in view of its duty under Section 21 of the Medical Act, 1886, should thus assume responsibility for the direction of a particular school engaged in preparing condidates for examinations in public health.

The Ministry of Health, to which this opinion was communicated, replied that the reasons alleged were fully appreciated, but urged that the first Court of Governors, who hold office until December 31st, 1925, will be occupied in taking steps preliminary to the effective establishment of the school, and that the co-operation of members representative of the Council would have special advantage at this stage. The Executive Committee, in response to a further request for an immediate decision, authorized the nomination of six members of the first Court of Governors, on the understanding that the Charter might be modified before the end of 1925. Sir Gilbert Barling, Dr. J. C. McVail, Sir E. Coey Bigger, Dr. Duckworth, Mr. Leathes, and Sir Humphry Rolleston were good enough to accept the temporary appointment.

Visitation of Examinations.

At the instance of the Examination Committee, members of the Council, appointed as visitors under Section 18 of the Medical Act, 1858, have attended a number of professional examinations in England, Scotland, and Ireland; and have thereby, with the willing concurrence of the licensing bodies, obtained information regarding methods and standards which will be of value both to the Committee and to the bodies themselves. I understand that the Committee has in preparation a report on standards of examination, so far as these can be measured by the percentage of rejections. The report will be illustrated by graphic charts, which present the facts to the eye more vividly than statistical tables can do.

Statistics of Registration and of Students.

The Registrar reports that the number of new practitioners registered in 1923 was the highest on record—namely, 2,482—including 244 in the colonial and foreign lists. In 1918 the number of students registered was 2,253; in 1919 the number rose to 3,420. If we assume that of the 5,673 students registered in these two years—the majority being men demobilized from the forces—some 3,000 have now completed their course of medical study, it would appear that about 80 per cent. have now become qualified and registered. This corresponds very closely with the forecasts, based upon previous experience, which the Council supplied to the Government Departments during the war. As after 1919 the number of new students rapidly fell, it is clear that for the next few years the numbers annually added to the *Register* will fall in proportion, and should soon reach the figure of 1,200 or so, which was the average before the war. The comparatively small number of fresh students registered in 1923—namely, 545—is no doubt attributable to the fact that, under the new regulations of the Council the student must now postpone his registration until, in addition to his examination in general education, he has also passed a recognized examination in elementary chemistry and physics. The next year's figures will, without question, be considerably higher, and will represent more truly the actual numbers who are undergoing professional instruction for medical qualifications. The period of strain on the teaching resources of the medical schools and colleges is practically at an end. In the comparative calm which now prevails the teaching institutions will have leisure to introduce the improvements in the medical curriculum which, with their assistance, the Council has laid down as necessary or desirable at the present time.

Finance.

The financial position of the Council is improved by the large increment in the fees for registration. The accounts show that the aggregate income of the General Council and Branch Councils in 1923 exceeded the aggregate expenditure by £6,177. This is the largest surplus yet recorded for any one year. As I have indicated, there are much leaner years to come; but the Council has, by reason of its economies, a sufficient reserve to face these years without misgiving, and to maintain its numerous activities for the well-being of the public and the profession in full efficiency.

Business of Session.

Disciplinary inquiries, some of them adjourned from previous sessions, will take up most of the Council's time this week. They present no features on which it would be expedient that I should dilate in general terms. They will be carried through with all the judicial care and patience

which our long experience as a domestic tribunal enables us to exercise. So far as I can foresee, in spite of certain distractions, within and without this building, to which some of us may be subjected, our session need not extend beyond Friday or Saturday.

Correspondence.

Hospital Policy.

MR. BISHOP HARMAN writes: Dr. G. C. Garratt said (May 10th) that in British Medical Association policy my hospital has not made any serious advance since 1921. I replied, "I know of three points which arose within the past twelve months and which were determined on British Medical Association lines." He challenged my truthfulness! It is a moot question whether I am entitled to publish the affairs of my hospital, but I will risk it. The three points were: (1) Hospital certificates—decision on British Medical Association lines. (2) Offer of municipal patients—accepted; "staff fund" instituted. (3) Offer of contributory scheme by employers—British Medical Association terms enunciated; offer declined. In each of these instances the occasion was the first of its kind that had arisen, and in each the decision was definitely based on British Medical Association policy. I was greatly impressed by the appreciation the laymen showed for our policy.

∴ We insert Mr. Harman's correction of matters of fact, but we cannot continue this correspondence.

VACANCIES.

ACCRINGTON: VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS: NORTH LONSDALE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary £225 per annum.

BRISTOL: MATERNITY HOSPITAL, Brunswick Square.—(1) Visiting Physician. (2) Two Assistant Physicians. (Women.)

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Physician.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY.—Professorship of Medicine, including Directorship of Clinical Studies.

BUXTON: DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Bacteriologist. Salary £400 per annum, rising to £500.

EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.—Professor of Biology. Pay £E.900 to £E.1,400.

ENFIELD: WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.—Honorary Radiologist.

GUY'S HOSPITAL, S.E.1.—Director of Department for Venereal Diseases. Honorarium £500 per annum.

HOLLAND COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant County Medical Officer of Health (woman). Salary £600 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) House-Physician. Salary £50 for six months.

LONDON HOSPITAL, E.1.—First Assistant to each of the four Medical "Firms." Salary £400 per annum.

LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.—Junior Demonstrator of Physiology.

LONDON LOCK HOSPITAL, Dean Street, W.1.—Clinical Assistantships in the Out-patients' Department.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.1.—Resident Medical Officer. Honorarium £200 per annum.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, W.1.—Physician to Department for Diseases of the Nervous System.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: PRINCESS MARY MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £40 per annum as Assistant R.M.O., and £80 per annum as Senior R.M.O.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) House-Surgeon for Ear, Nose, and Throat Department. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum each.

OLDHAM ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeons to (1) Casualty Out-patient and Special Departments; (2) Women's and Children's Wards; (3) Men's Ward. Salary £200 per annum.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S MATERNITY HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Obstetric Surgeon.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.2.—Dental Surgeon for L.C.C. Dental Centre. Salary £300 per annum.

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5 Thurs. Guildford Division: Annual Meeting, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, 4 p.m.; Tea, 3.45 p.m.
Portsmouth Division: Annual Meeting, Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, Portsmouth. Lecture by Dr. J. D. Barris on Some Difficulties in Midwifery Practice, 4 p.m.

11 Wed. London: **Council**, 10 a.m.

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BIRTHS.

CRONIN.—At The Glen, Tredegar, Monmouthshire, on May 24th, to A. J. Cronin, M.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.H., and Mrs. Cronin (Dr. A. M. Gibson), a son.

HARRISON-HALL.—On May 19th, at 88, James Street, Oxford, to Dr. and Mrs. A. Harrison-Hall, a son.

MITCHELL.—On May 25th, at Toronto House, High Street, West Bromwich, to Catherine Margaret, the wife of Dr. J. M. Mitchell, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., a son.

MARRIAGE.

BLAKE—WRIGHT.—On May 22nd, at Christ Church, Westminster, by the Rev. Canon Ashmall, M.A., Eliot Watson Blake, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., son of the late Alderman Alfred S. Blake, J.P., and Mrs. Blake of Gosport, Hants, to Hilda Margery Wright, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Alban Wright, M.A., and the late Mrs. Wright of Bedford.

DEATH.

KIRKPATRICK.—On May 21st, at his residence, 9, Kingfield Road, Sharrow, Sheffield, after a brief illness, Dr. Alexander Kirkpatrick, aged 64 years.

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